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Transalation of a letter from  
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Dear Professor Muller,

I am sincerely grateful to you for your attention and trouble of sending us publications of Stanford University, and especially of your own work. Unfortunately, the Institute Merzlotovedenia does almost no work in botany and biology, which appear to be the main subject of the geocryological investigations of Stanford group. For this reason we cannot send you our own publications dealing with these fields, even though we wish we could, and instead we are enclosing only a few small publications.

Dear Colleague, I take the liberty of approaching you with a proposal not to limit our exchange of publications to our own institutions. We, for example, are very much interested in the newest work of American scientists investigating the physical-chemical and rheological /the science treating of the deformation and flow of matter/ processes in cryogenic (frozen, thawing and freezing) grounds and in ice, methods of construction and exploitation of engineering structures, regional and general engineering geocryological / permafrost/ problems, etc. We know that such work is done in the U.S.A. and I would be very grateful to you for establishing a real mutually beneficial exchange between our institutions. It seems to me that it would be worth while to consider a possibility of a direct exchange of experience in geocryological / permafrost, / investigations between the American and Soviet scientists through, for example, exchange of visits between the members of the Stanford University and of the Institute of Merzlotovedenia of the Academy of Sciences, USSR.

Permit me to wish you, dear colleague, the best of success.

Enclosures: Two books and nine reprints of articles.

Signed, Director, Member-correspondent  
of the Academy of Sciences, USSR

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